



Queen Anne Cobblestone

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Treat House Designation and Controls Established by Landmarks Board

By Leanne Olson & John Hennes

Queen Anne's historic Harry Whitney Treat House at 1 West Highland Drive was designated a Seattle landmark at the June 7, 2006 meeting of the Seattle-Landmarks Preservation Board.

The designation was opposed by the current owners. Support from our historical society and from many individuals on the hill and throughout Seattle contributed to the successful vote to designate the property.

Following nomination and then designation, the Landmarks Board must next establish a set of controls and incentives to regulate the preservation of specific features.

The Staff Recommendation on Controls and Incentives for the Treat House were unanimously approved by the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board on Sept. 6.

A Certificate of Approval must be obtained before the owner may make any alterations or significant changes to the site, the exterior of the building and the following features of the interior: Counterbalance call equipment, household staff call box, and the main lobby and

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THE OLYMPIC STORY SEATTLE'S COMMUNITY HOTEL WED. SEPT. 27TH, 7:30 PM

Seattle's grand hotel, the Olympic, opened in 1924. It was built by public subscription on University of Washington land. Queen Anne notable Albert S. Kerry was president of the Community Hotel Corp. that came up with \$4.5 million to build it. Today it remains a nationally known premier hotel, managed by the Fairmont Hotel chain.

Come and hear **Alan J. Stein** tell the story of how Seattleites built their own hotel and hear many wonderful stories of people and events connected with the Olympic. To mark the hotel's 80th anniversary, **Alan Stein, and the HistoryLink staff** have published a history of the Olympic. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing.

**Join your neighbors at this
fascinating public meeting!**

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006, 7:30 pm

McClure Middle School Library

First Ave W. and W. Crockett St.

The meeting is free and open to the public. It begins at 7:30 pm at McClure Middle School cafeteria, 1915 1st Ave. West on Queen Anne. For more information, contact John Hennes at 206-284-2266.



NOW HEAR THIS! By now you should have renewed your annual membership in the QA Historical Society for 2006-2007. Please check the mailing label on this newsletter. If it reads 2007EXP (or later) that means you have renewed. **If it reads 2006EXP, you have not yet renewed.** Much is happening in the preservation world and we need your continued participation. Please use the coupon on p. 3 and renew now.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat. Sept. 16, 2006

Walking Tour: "Topping Queen Anne", 3:00 pm. Starts at 3rd Ave. N. and Galer St., in front of Queen Anne High School. Note afternoon start time. Free. (See story page 2)

Tue. Sept. 19, 2006

Seattle Parks Program: Special Community Meeting on QA Boulevard Improvements Project. QA Community Center, 1901 1st Ave W, 6:30 pm.

Wed. Sept. 27, 2006

Program: The Story of the Olympic Hotel, by Alan J. Stein. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free. (See story page 1)

Sat. Oct. 14, 2006

Historic Seattle Program: Landmarks Nomination Workshop, 9 am-4 pm. Good Shepherd Center. Learn the what, why and how of historic preservation. Call 206-622-6952 for registration information or online at historicseattle.org/events.

Wed. Nov. 22, 2006

Program: The Story of Lumbering and Saw Mills in this area (tentative). McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Wed. Jan. 24, 2007

Program: Still in work. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Topping Queen Anne—A Walking Tour Saturday, Sept. 16, 3:00 pm

The Society's next free walking tour is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16, at 3:00 pm.

This fall's tour by our resident tour guide, Kim Turner, will begin in front of Queen Anne High School, 3rd Ave. N. and Galer St.

The tour, titled "Topping Queen Anne," will cover the top of the hill from the old high school to old John Hay elementary school and some of the surrounding streets. Kim has located a host of intriguing stories about the buildings and the people who lived in them.

Assisting Kim will be Bob Frazier as they explore the architecture and history of our hill. Join your neighbors and bring your walking shoes.



Queen Anne High School, at 3rd N. and Galer, is the starting point of our "Topping Queen Anne" tour on Sept. 16. It is seen here on Aug. 12, 2006 during the open house for QA alumni held by Legacy Partners, the developers converting the school into condominiums. Over 1000 grads turned out to walk the school's halls one more time.

Photo by John Hennes

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

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staircase, excluding the fireplace.

A Certificate of Approval is not required for any in-kind maintenance or repairs and minor landscaping including the removal/addition of trees less than 6 inches in caliper, shrubs, perennials and annuals.

Incentives available to the Owner include:

- Authorization of uses that are not normally permitted in a particular zoning classification by means of an administrative conditional use.
- Building and energy code exceptions on an application basis.
- Historic Preservation Special Tax Valuation on an application basis.

The owners declined to negotiate the Controls and Incentives with the City Historic Preservation Officer and may file an appeal with the Hearing Examiner, who will then schedule a hearing regarding the Controls and Incentives.

The issue of preservation of the house is not yet settled. See the QAHS website for more information.

To learn more about landmarking, attend the Oct. 14 Historic Seattle workshop. See the calendar on page 2.

HERITAGE NEWS

Counterbalance Park Needs Your Help

The new park on lower Queen Anne at Queen Anne Ave. and Roy St. is looking to bloom. Now a gravel lot on the site of the old McHale's gas station, the Uptown Alliance is helping raise \$976,000 to begin work constructing and landscaping the park.

Gifts and pledges have reached 80% of this goal, but they need your help to reach "Go" by a Sept. 30 deadline.

For park information go to <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/proparks/projects/counterbalance.htm>

To donate, contact Jean Sundborg at 206-283-6140 or email jpensund@juno.com. Make checks to Seattle Parks Foundation and send to Uptown Alliance, 157 Roy St, 98109.

Sept. 11 at Five Years

The Sept. 11, 2001 attack on America has changed many aspects of our society. One heartening aspect was the result of 75,000 people leaving one million flowers at Seattle Center in the days following.

Today, those flowers have been incorporated in the soil of gardens at Fisher Pavilion and the beds at the Interbay P-Patch. From grief has come beauty.

THE PRESIDENT'S DESK BY JOHN HENNES

In May, at our annual meeting, our society members elected a new board. Their names and positions are found on page 2. New officers were chosen at the June board meeting.

John Hennes, will be **President** for the 2006-2007 year. **Vice President is John DeRosa** (see Spotlight story). **Holly Smith and Will Shoppes** continue as **Secretary and Treasurer**.

I want to thank **Isabel Eglin** for her service as **Society President** this past year. Isabel has kept us connected to organizations and individuals on Queen Anne and in the heritage community. She keeps part of our attention on students and newcomers when our inclination is to become absorbed in historical detail.

Thank you, Isabel, for all you have done over the years.

Spotlight on the Board John DeRosa

Our Society's board of trustees are the core of our activities. New members bring new ideas. This issue we spotlight one of our newer members.

John DeRosa has been a resident of Queen Anne since 2000, and of the Seattle area since 1992. Before then, he lived in Massachusetts and New York. He and his wife, Susan, now live on 6th Ave W near the top of the hill.

John's career has been in computer hardware and software, and he's been a "serial



entrepreneur" for the past 10 years. His current venture is a stealth-mode company that he hopes to unveil in October. He's working on it with two other Queen Anne residents.

John and Susan live in a house built in 1911, which is a well-preserved Arts & Crafts style home. Their next projects will be a second floor renovation, and a kitchen makeover. He is dreading the latter but it must be done.

His Society interests include the Historical Marker Program, and better connecting the Society with the community through technology.

His shoe size is 11.

Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.

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City _____, State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Member Category: (check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$50 - \$199
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I understand that mailing costs will be added.

Prices are:

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(\$20 for members)

Hard cover: \$45
(\$40 for members)

Please send me the following:

Soft cover qty: _____

Soft cover cost: \$ _____

Hard cover qty: _____

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Mailing costs at \$3/book: _____

Total Cost: \$ _____

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Coming up: “Topping QA” Walking Tour, Saturday, Sept. 16, 3 pm. Step out and see the hill. Story page 2.

KIM’S MUSINGS

Queen Anne High School—Our Anchor

I attended several Queen Anne events in August which were based around the former Queen Anne High School and its students. Queen Anne alums, for some reason, have a greater bond than do the alums of many other high schools. It may be in part due to the fact that the school is no longer a school. However, over a thousand alums gathered to view the classrooms-turned-apartments-turned-condos. This was probably one of the highlight times to remember the school and for what it stood.

Several former teachers participated in the “open house”, including Ethel Smith, Ed Billodue, Chris Kato, and others. (These were the ones I saw). The affair lasted from 9:30 a.m. until past 3:30 p.m. There were refreshments and delicious catered snacks. For myself, highlights were having the chance to talk with some members of my own class, 18 of whom attended the affair.

The next stage was a committee meeting of my class reunion group, over in Madrona. We do as much socializing as we do getting things done. It has been great fun.

I just wish there were an easier way to find some of our “missing” alums.

The third installment was the annual Queen Anne Alumni picnic, held at Woodland Park, where the first picnic was held in 1982. In recent years, we had been holding the picnic at Magnolia Park, but we have outgrown it. There were over 250 in attendance at the picnic. A good time was had by all who attended.

The most recent installment was on Monday evening, August 21st, when I actually did my practice walk around part of the top of Queen Anne, in anticipation of the forthcoming walking tour. I still have some research to complete, but have nailed some fascinating sites along route to interest the walkers. It is always fun to discover something new about areas one thought one already knew.

Which proves that it is true—we never stop learning, and never lose appreciation for what once was. It is “Queen Anne” months such as this that keep my interest in the neighborhood at a high level. See you at the Sept. 16 walking tour, and/or at the Sept. 27 meeting!

Kim R. Turner, Research Chair

Isn’t it time you became more involved with the Queen Anne Historical Society?

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